

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Chelmsford on Tuesday 21 March 2023
Please note that this is not a full record of the proceedings at the meeting; the full Minutes will be published in due course.

Present:**Councillor**

Keith Barber
Paul Stalker
Ross Playle
Mike Garnett
Ian Shead
Gary Collins
Jude Deakin
Aidan McGurran

Representing

Brentwood Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Essex County Council
Harlow District Council
Southend-on-Sea City Council
Thurrock Council
Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment
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Co-opted Independent Members

John Gili-Ross (Chairman)
Sheila Murphy

Also in attendance

Sophie Campion	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Secretary to the Panel
Ben-Julian Harrington	Chief Constable, Essex Police
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)
Emma Hunter	Democratic Services Officer
Rick Hylton	Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Janet Perry	Chief Financial Officer, OPFCC
Emma Tombs	Democratic Services Manager

1 Membership, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The report of the Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the membership, apologies and declarations noted.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023 were approved as a correct record, subject to minor amendments as set out below and signed by the Chairman.

- Amend the attendance to record that Annette Chan, Debbie Martin and Dawn Walters were employees of Essex Police rather than the OPFCC as stated.

3 Questions to the Chairman from members of the Public

There were none.

4 Police and Crime Plan Performance Measures – Quarter 2 2022/23

The Panel received report EPFCP/03/23 which provided an overview of Essex Police's progress in delivering the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan, based on data and other information to the end of September 2022.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

5 Fire and Rescue Plan Performance Measures – Quarter 2 2022/23

The Panel received report EPFCP/04/23 which provided an overview of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's progress in delivering the priorities set out in the Fire and Rescue Plan 2020 – 2024 during Quarter 2 of 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

6 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Decisions Reports

The Panel received and raised questions on report EPFCP/05/23 which provided information about financial and strategic decisions made by the PFCC.

Resolved:

That the Panel received and noted the report.

7 The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to update the Panel on any ongoing issues

The Commissioner provided the Panel with a verbal update on ongoing issues.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

8 Annual Complaints Report 2021-22

The Panel received report EPFCP/06/23 which provided the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel (PFCCP) with an update on the handling of complaints made against the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) during the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

Resolved:

That the report was noted.

9 Report of the Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee

The Panel received report EPFCP/07/23 providing the minutes from the Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee meeting held on 24 November 2022.

Resolved:

That the minutes were noted.

10 Forward Work Plan

The Panel received report EPFCP/08/23 setting out the planned business of the Panel.

Resolved:

1. That the item relating to performance against attendance targets to incidents graded as 3 – Priority, under the Essex Police's Command and Control of Incidents Policy and how that fits with achieving the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan, be removed from the Forward Work Plan.
2. That the item on performance against Priority 1 – More Local, Visible and Accessible Policing from the Police and Crime Plan as extended to 2021, be concluded and removed from the Forward Work Plan.
3. That the Panel noted the Forward Work Plan.

11 National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels Update

The Panel received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Panel which included an update on the Annual meeting of the National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels.

Resolved:

That the verbal report was noted.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 2:00pm.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4:03pm.